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1. SINCE CONDITIONS OFTEN VARY BETWEEN POSTS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY, DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT GENERALLY INCLINED GRANT COUNTRY-WIDE WAIVER TO ONE-VISIT-PER-MONTH RULE, PREFERRING TO MAKE ANY CHANGES ON BASIS SPECIFIC RATIONALE PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL POST CONCERNED.

2. ON BASIS RATIONALE PROVIDED REFTEL DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT PREPARED WAIVE MONTHLY VISITATION. WHILE THERE ARE NO APPARENT PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TREATMENT PRISONERS RECEIVING, POST IS NONE-THE-LESS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING HEALTH AND GENERAL SITUATION EACH PRISONER ON REGULAR AND FREQUENT BASIS.

3. ALTHOUGH AGREEING THAT CONDITIONS IN GERMANY ARE OBVIOUSLY BETTER THAN IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD COMPLAINTS FROM PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES OR FROM CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES ARE NOT RPT NOT RARE. WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY OF COMPLAINTS APPEAR UNFOUNDED, THEY NEVER-
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THELESS REQUIRE REPLY. WHEN SUCH INQUIRIES RECEIVED WE

ARE IN GOOD POSITION TO DEMONSTRATE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH

BOTH DEPARTMENT AND POSTS VIEW RESPONSIBILITIES IF,
IN INTERIM REPLY, WE CAN SHOW PRISONER RECENTLY VISITED
AND THAT EITHER NO PROBLEM EXISTS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, POST
AWARE PROBLEM AND TAKING NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION
IN TIMELY MANNER. ROBINSON

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